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Note Verbale dated 15 September 2022 from the Delegation of Japan to the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva transmitting the Statement delivered at the CD Plenary meeting on 3 March 2022 by the Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Japan to the Conference on Disarmament, H.E. Mr. Ogasawara Ichiro

The Delegation of Japan to the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament, and has the honour to submit herewith the statement delivered at the CD Plenary meeting on 3 March 2022 by the Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Japan to the Conference on disarmament, H.E. Mr. Ogasawara Ichiro.

The Delegation of Japan would be grateful if this statement could be issued as an official document of the Conference on Disarmament.

The Delegation of Japan to the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva takes this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament the assurance of its highest consideration.

Annex

Statement delivered by H.E. Ogasawara Ichiro, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary and Permanent Representative of the Delegation of Japan to the Conference on Disarmament at the Conference on Disarmament Plenary on 3 March 2022

As situations on the ground is evolving in an alarming manner every moment, Japan considers it is of utmost relevance for the Conference on Disarmament to update our message in light of the latest development

Japan’s basic stance on this matter remains unchanged. Russia’s aggression on Ukraine seriously infringes upon the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine. This unilateral attempt to change the status quo by force shakes the very foundation of the international order in Europe, and in every corner of the globe. The series of decisions and acts of the Russian Federation are clear and flagrant violations of international law and the United Nations Charter.

Japan condemns in the strongest terms Russia’s acts of aggression. Russia must immediately stop the aggression, withdraw its forces back to Russia, and come back to the path of diplomacy.

In order to achieve this, we should cooperate with each other for the maintenance of international peace and security, pursuant to the duty to take joint and separate action in cooperation with the United Nations in accordance with the Charter. In this regard, Japan welcomes the adoption of the UNGA resolution “Aggression against Ukraine(A/ES-11/L.1)” yesterday by an overwhelming majority of the votes in favour. I call on Russia to heed the call and immediately implement the resolution.

On the 27th of February, Prime Minister Mr. Kishida Fumio announced sanction measures such as freezing assets of designated individuals related to the Russian government, including President Putin. Also, Japan strongly supports the international effort to remove selected Russian banks from the SWIFT messaging system.

Japan is gravely concerned that Russia has raised the alert level of the preparation of the nuclear deterrence units, which is a dangerous act that may lead to further destabilization of the situations. Such Russia’s action contradicts the aspiration demonstrated in the Joint Statement on Preventing Nuclear War and Avoiding Arms Race issued by the Leader of the 5 nuclear-weapon States. President Putin should fulfil his own commitment. We stress once again at this occasion that tragedy of Hiroshima and Nagasaki must never be repeated again neither nuclear weapons coercion as we currently witness, nor, nuclear weapons use can never be tolerated.